

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2 (NY, NJ, PR, and VI)**  
**COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**  
**FACT SHEET**

Grant Program	Environmental Justice (EJ)	Brownfields Grants	Environmental Monitoring for Public Access & Community Tracking (EMPACT)
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide financial assistance to eligible community groups, and federally recognized tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues.	To empower localities to work with public and private stakeholders to prevent, assess, safely cleanup, and sustainably reuse abandoned, idle or underused properties where real or perceived contamination has impeded development.	To establish pilot programs which collect and communicate time-relevant environmental monitoring information so that it can be used to help individuals make informed day-to-day decisions about their health and environment.
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Any affected community group, non-profit organization, university, or tribal government. Organizations must be incorporated to receive funds.	Political subdivision and Indian tribes are eligible to apply for Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots; existing Assessment Pilots are eligible to apply for Revolving Loan Fund Pilots; non-profit training center, colleges and public entities that serve existing Assessment Pilot areas are eligible to apply for Brownfields Job Training and Development Pilot funds.	Local governments in on of the seven Region 2 EMPACT metropolitan areas: Albany-Schenectady-Troy, Buffalo-Niagara Falls, New York City-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Rochester, San Juan, and Syracuse.
<b>Award Amount</b>	Up to \$20,000 granted	\$200,000 Assessment Pilots \$200,000 Job Training Pilots Up to \$500,000 for Revolving Loan Fund Pilots (these are 5 year projects).	Up to \$400,000
<b>Matching Share</b> (Contributions may be cash or in-kind)	No matching share required	No matching share required, however competitive projects leverage existing brownfields revitalization and job training efforts.	5% cost sharing required.
<b>Timeframe</b>	December to March	For schedule, see notice published in Federal Register. Information also available on Internet: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/brownfields">www.epa.gov/brownfields</a>	December-April solicitation, Applications due April 10, 2000
<b>Grant Selection Announced</b>	June	For schedule, see notice published in Federal Register. Information also available on Internet: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/brownfields">www.epa.gov/brownfields</a>	November 2000
<b>Priorities</b>	<p>Projects that improve the environmental quality of the community by:</p> <p><i>Having wide application or addressing a high priority issue.</i></p> <p><i>Enhancing skills in addressing EJ issues and problems.</i></p> <p><i>Establishing or expanding information systems for communities.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitating communication, information exchange and community partnerships.</i></p> <p><i>Motivating the public to be more conscious of EJ issues, leading to action to address those issues.</i></p>	<p><i>Assessment pilots: Projects committed to involving effected stakeholders in selecting brownfields sites and in developing clean-up and reuse plans. Projects that complement existing community revitalization efforts.</i></p> <p><i>Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots - Applicants that demonstrate there is an effective institutional structure in place to manage a revolving loan fund and environmental cleanups.</i></p> <p><i>Job Training Pilots - projects that will spur local job creation in communities impacted by brownfields by training local residents in the handling and removal of hazardous substances. Training must include the application of innovative environmental technologies.</i></p>	<p><i>Use of new technology or existing innovative technology for time-relevant measurement/ monitoring of environmental data;</i></p> <p><i>Application of information management, processing and delivery system technologies (including the provision of an Internet homepage for the project);</i></p> <p><i>Communication of timely environmental information to the public in an easily understood and readily accessible format;</i></p> <p><i>Emphasis on a community-based approach;</i></p> <p><i>Involvement of all relevant stakeholders; Development of partnerships and consortium building; and</i></p> <p><i>Project sustainability and transferability.</i></p>
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Grant Program	Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention	Superfund Technical Assistance Grants	Pollution Prevention Incentives for States	Environmental Education (EE)
<b>Purpose</b>	To empower low income, high minority communities through education on environmental issues and the provision of pollution prevention resources for addressing these issues.	To enable a group of individuals who are affected by a site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) to obtain technical assistance in interpreting information regarding the site.	To support state agencies in demonstration projects, or in establishing pollution prevention infrastructure in a wide range of sectors.	To provide financial support for projects which design, demonstrate or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques.
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Any nonprofit organization incorporated under IRS tax code 501(c)(3), federally recognized Indian tribal government, state, city, county or local government organization.	Groups affected by an NPL site. All groups must be incorporated as nonprofit organizations.	States, state agencies & inter-municipalities, territories and possessions. States are encouraged to form partnerships with non-profit organizations and/or local governments.	Local or tribal government education agency, state government education or environmental agency, college, university, nonprofit organization, noncommercial broadcasting entity.
<b>Award Amount</b>	Not yet established	Up to \$50,000 initially; in the case of complex sites, additional funds may be available.	No limit. FY'99 Region 2 share \$469,500.	Up to \$25,000 granted by regional office; \$25,001-\$250,000 EPA Headquarters
<b>Matching Share</b> (Contributions may be cash or in-kind)	No matching share required	20% non-federal government matching share required	50% non-federal government share of project total required.	25% non-federal government matching share required.
<b>Timeframe</b>	Not yet established.	Applications may be submitted after a site is proposed for listing on the NPL.	2 years	August - November solicitation. Applications due mid November.
<b>Grant Selection Announced</b>	Not yet established.	After community notification period (30 to 60 days), application review and processing time, and approval.	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of federal fiscal year	Summer
<b>Priorities</b>	<p><i>Projects by community based organizations and local governments that improve the environmental quality of affected communities using pollution prevention as a primary solution;</i></p> <p><i>Proposals that encourage institutionalization &amp; innovative use of pollution prevention as the preferred approach for addressing environmental justice issues, &amp; whose activities and products can be supplied to other communities; and</i></p> <p><i>Cooperative efforts with business/industry to address pollution prevention goals.</i></p>	<p><i>Because only one grant is available for each NPL site, EPA encourages groups to consolidate in order to provide technical assistance to the most widely representative group of individuals possible.</i></p> <p><i>To this end, EPA notifies the community via a public notice in the local newspaper if an application is received from an eligible group.</i></p>	<p><i>Projects targeting areas identified as among the highest in Region 2 environmental risks;</i></p> <p><i>Programs addressing transfer of potentially harmful pollutants across all media: air, land, and water; and</i></p> <p><i>Technical assistance/training provided to businesses in source reduction techniques.</i></p>	<p>1) All proposals must satisfy the definition of "environmental education" in the current solicitation notice.</p> <p>2) Projects must focus on one of the following:</p> <p><i>Educating teachers, students or public about environmental health threats especially as they affect children; or</i></p> <p><i>Building state, local or tribal government capacity to develop EE programs;or</i></p> <p><i>Utilizing E.E. to advance education reform; or</i></p> <p><i>Educating the public about community environmental issues through community based organizations or the media; or.</i></p> <p><i>Improving educators' E.E. teaching skills; or</i></p> <p><i>Educating students about environmental careers; or</i></p> <p><i>Educating low income and culturally diverse audiences about environmental issues.</i></p>
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